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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of : Wilmert De Bosscher  
Serial No. : 09/720,744  
Filed : June 11, 2001  
For : Vacuum Tight Coupling For Tube Sections  
Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.  
Art Unit : 3679  
Customer number : 23644

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE**  
**DATED AUGUST 17, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's further and final Office Action dated August 17, 2005, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and it is requested that the application be amended as follows: